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1. IN AN ASSESSING RTG'S SUBMISSION ON TUNGSTEN ORE (REF A),
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT TUNGSTEN ORE IS NOT, AS ALLEGED
(PARA D) "ONE OF MAIN SOURCES OF INCOME IN THAILAND." NEITHER
IS IT "ONE OF PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF THAILAND" (PARA E).

2. TUNGSTEN MINING IS IN GENERAL CARRIED ON PRIMITIVE
LEVELS IN REMOTE AND OFTEN DANGEROUS AREAS, SUCH AS THE
NOTORIOUS KHAO SUN HILL IN NAKHON SI THAMMARAT PROVINCE AND
EXPORT DATA ARE CLOUDED BY FACT THAT A GREAT DEAL OF ORE
PRODUCED--SOME ESTIMATES RANGE AS HIGH AS FIFTY PERCENT--
IS SMUGGLED OUT OF THAILAND TO AVOID PAYMENT OF 25 PERCENT
ROYALTY TO RTG (REF B & C).
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